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SOVIET-SATELLITE TROOP MANEUVERS IN HUNGARY, 1952

CZECHOSLOVAK AND RUMANIAN TROOPS IN HUNGARY, -- Rome, Bollettino Danubiano, 17 Jun 52

At the beginning of the second half of May a significant number of mctorized and armored Czechoslovak troops arrived in Hungary. These troops, thought to be a mixed division, with motorized infantry, new type T-34 tanks, and field and antiaircraft artillery, were moved in rail convoys of 25 to 30 cars each. They arrived at the border station of Szob at night and stopped there for a short while, during which time the men were not permitted to leave the train. The convoy then continued on to Vac and Aszod. It was noted that the equipment, such as rifles, submachine guns, machine guns, and tanks, were all of Russian type.

The morale of the troops appeared to be very low. A few, who managed to get in touch with the Hungarian populace, gave them to understand that they do not know whether they had come for summer maneuvers or to strengthen the Hungarian-Yugoslav border. However, they believed that they would stay for a long time. Similar information has been published in the latest issue of Hungaria, a Hungarian emigre newspaper. Other correspondents of Bollettino Danubiano have reported that Rumanian troops will also arrive in Hungary in the near future.

Soviet and Satellite Troops Hold Maneuvers

On orders from the Soviet General Staff, summer maneuvers are being held in Hungarian territory between the Danube and Tisza rivers in the vicinity of the Yugoslav border. Hungarian and Soviet divisions and other units of the Satellite countries are engaged in the maneuvers. For the time being, the maneuvers will develop separately in several areas for the purpose of training, gaining a knowledge of the terrain, etc.

Soviet-Hungarian armored troops (light, medium, and heavy) are conducting exercises in the area including the towns of Cegled and Szolnok. A total of two divisions with their respective attached units are said to be participating.

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These divisions are operating in swampy terrain for the dual purpose of testing their tanks and learning how to move in terrain of this sort. The Soviet 2d Guard motorized division, with its headquarters at Cegled, is holding maneuvers near Mohacs.

Two more Soviet motorized divisions -- one of them the 17th -- are holding exercises along the Hungarlan-Austrian-Yugoslav border.

During the second half of the summer grand combined maneuvers under Soviet command will be commenced.

Hungarian Parachutists Beat World Record

Magyar Szabadsagharcos (Hungarian Fighter for Freedom), the official newspaper of the Hungarian partisans, states that during the second half of May, three members of this organization, Jozsef Cseli, Tivadar Kovari, and Jozsef Szatai, jumped from a plane at an altitude of 70 meters, thereby breaking the 1937 world record by 10 meters.

RECRUITS VOLUMTEERS FOR CHINESE COMMUNIST ARMY -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 20 May 52

The Chinese Communist government has a permanent military mission in Budapest. The mission, which in collaboration with the Hungarian general staff has been placing various orders for the Chinese Communist Army, is headed by the military attache. Expecially heavy orders were placed with the Standard Villamossagi Vallalat (Standard Electrical Enterprise).

The Chinese mission is also in charge of selecting Hungarian "volunteers" for the Communist International Brigade, which is being recruited for military service in Korca. Similar recruitment activities are under way in Rumania and

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